

## **Prescott National Forest**

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## CEDAR SPRINGS TRAIL #41

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Cedar Springs Trail #41 begins in open chaparral and pinyon-juniper woodland. Granite boulders stand above even the tallest trees and cast shadows across the landscape. Although seldom seen, rabbits, scrub jays, wrens, and other wildlife take refuge in the brush. TR 41 travels down to Cedar Spring. Although it may not be flowing, the extra moisture nourishes a healthy stand of cottonwoods and a dense thicket of willow, grape, and other riparian plants. The spring is truly an oasis on an otherwise exposed, rocky trail where ample sun and cactus brambles create the sense of an arid desert hike. Beyond the spring, TR 41 continues northwest to Red Hill Tank. There are scenic views of Granite Mountain from this area.

CAUTION: This trail is open to hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. Please be considerate of others—slow down and know when to yield the trail.

ACCESS AND TRAILHEAD LOCATION: Access to TR 41 is by way of Granite Mountain Trail #261 and White Rock Spring Trail #39. From its intersection with Willow Creek Road, travel northwest on Iron Springs Road for 3 miles. Turn right onto Granite Basin Road and proceed 3.5 miles to the Metate Parking Area on the left. There is parking for 20 vehicles. \$5 fee; free on Wednesdays. Take TR 261 approximately 1.5 miles to Blair Pass, go through the gate, and then travel a short distance along TR 39 to its junction with TR 41. Please note that TR 261 lies within the Granite Mountain Wilderness and bicycles are prohibited.

Horse trailers must park at the Cayuse Day-Use Area.

TRAVEL TIME: 25 minutes from Prescott

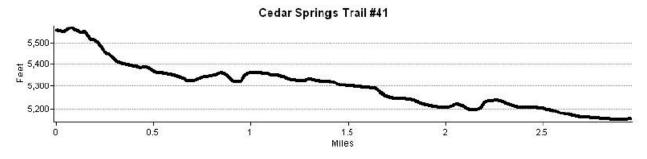
ROAD CONDITIONS: Paved

HIKING TIME: 1.5 hours, one-way LENGTH: 2.7 miles DIFFICULTY: Moderate USE: Light

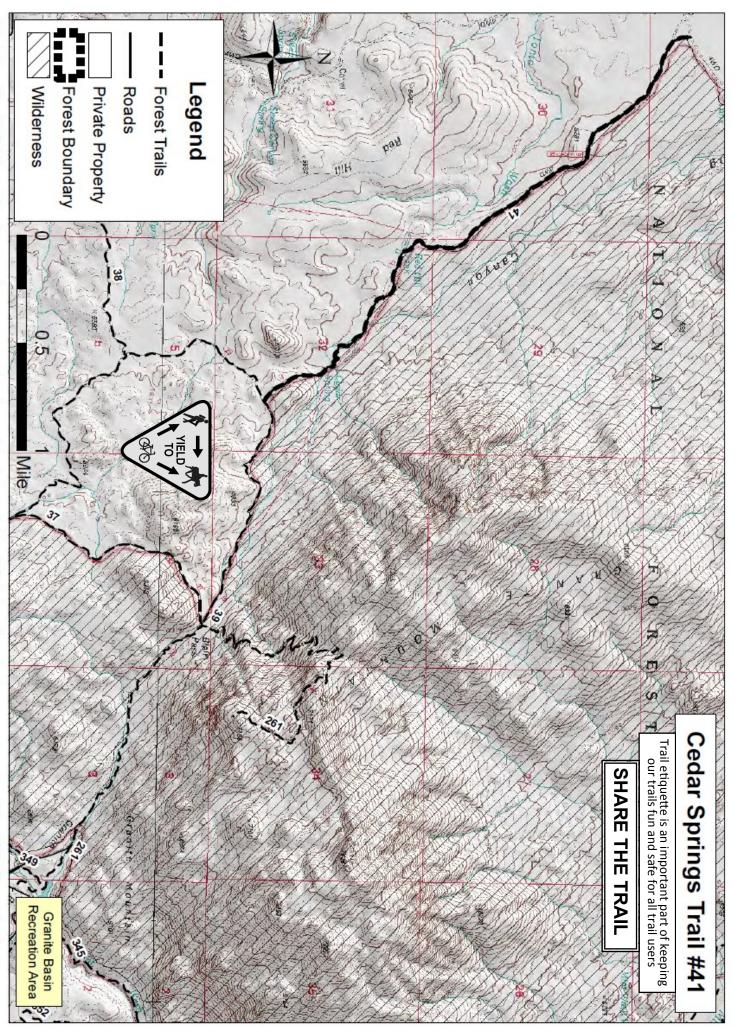
**NOTES:** Restrooms and drinking water are available at the trailhead, but not on the trail. As of September 2011 the majority of this trail is in fair condition only. Portions may be overgrown and eroded.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS OF USE: Spring, summer, fall, winter

**MAPS, OTHER RESOURCES:** Prescott National Forest Map, west half; U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5' quads for Jerome Canyon, National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map, Bradshaw Mountains.



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